

REMARKS

At the time of filing, this reissue application of U. S. Patent 6,273,439 presented for examination Claims 1- 8 of the issued Patent and added new Claims 9 – 19.

By this Reply, and the Reply submitted January 3, 2006, Claims 9 and 17 are canceled. Claims 1, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, and 19 are amended. No claims are added.

Accordingly, upon entry of this Reply, Claims 1 – 8, 10 – 16, and 18 – 19 are pending.

Entry of this Paper and reconsideration is requested.

In the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment, the Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE) objected to claims 10-16 and 18-19, as presented in the Reply Amendment filed January 3, 2006, because all of the terms in the noted claims were underlined. The noted claims were added in this reissue and Applicant's were of the understanding that under 37 CFR 1.173 that all new claims in a reissue had to be underlined. Apparently, this is not correct.

By this Reply, in each amended claim, whether original or newly added, matter to be added is underlined and matter to be deleted is in brackets.

The Claims are amended in a manner herein believed to obviate the objections raised by the LIE.

As discussed in the Reply amendment filed January 3, 2006, various of the Claims herein are amended in a manner to clarify the invention and more clearly define the invention over the prior art.



Conclusion

Claims 1 – 8, 10 – 16, and 18 – 19, as amended herein, are submitted as being patentable over the prior art and in condition for allowance.

A Notice of Allowance of all claims pending herein is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact this Attorney, or Mr. Arnold S. Weintraub, Reg. No. 25523, at the number listed below.

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